TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FOURTH COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION OF 1107.

Wednesday, the 16th December 1931/1st Dhanu 1107.

The Council assembled at the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at eleven-thirty of the clock, the President presiding.

All except the following members were present :—

1. Mr. K. Narayanaperumal Nadar.
2. ,, K. Padmanabha Panicker.
3. Mrs. Anna Chandi.

SWEARING OF NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were then sworn in —

1. Mr. T. K. Madhavan Nayar.
2. ,, S. C. H. Robinson.
3. ,, T. V. Ramakrishna Aiyar.
4. ,, N. Raman Namputiripad.
5. ,, V. N. Jatavedan Namputiripad.

PRESIDENT : Members of the Council, this is our first meeting after the assumption, by His Highness the Maha Raja, of ruling powers, an event which was hailed with universal rejoicing. It is thus our duty and our proud privilege today to tender our respectful tribute of loyalty and homage to His Highness' throne and person. His Highness has graciously declared in no uncertain terms that his one aim will be to promote the peace, contentment and prosperity of his people. Inspired by that ringing pledge, let us all work with united will to contribute all we can towards the realisation of His Highness' lofty ideal.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Purchase of leather for the use of the Stationery Department for 1105.

1. **Mr. RAMA VARMA RAJA** (*Edavagai*) : With reference to an additional grant of Rs. 5,000 made for the purchase of materials for supplying 2,000 lbs. of sheepskin for the Stationery Department, (page 2 of the Appropriation Report for 1105), will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the price per pound of sheepskin (tanned) as supplied by the Department of Industries ;

(*b*) the market price per pound of sheepskin of the same quality ; and

(*c*) the total quantity required for book-binding and other purposes by the Stationery Department ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The price of sheepskin (tanned) as supplied by the Department of Industries was B. Rs. 3 (three) per lb.

(*b*) No information is available about the market price at the time. The quotations by the other tenderers for the same quality of sheepskin ranged from Rs. 3-As. 3 to Rs. 3-As. 6 per lb.

(*c*) The average quantity of leather required for the Stationery Department per annum is about 3,500 lbs.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): പാർട്ട് സി യിൽ "The average quantity of leather required for the Stationery Department per annum is about 3,500 lbs." എന്നുപറഞ്ഞുകാണുന്നു. ഇപ്പോൾ, ൪ ൦ ൦ പൌണ്ടിൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരംശം ടാനിങ്ങ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റു സപ്ലൈ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ൨,൦൦൦ പൌണ്ട് തോൽ സപ്ലൈ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ശേഷമുള്ള ൧,൪൦൦ പൌണ്ട് മറുകച്ചവടക്കാരിൽനിന്നും വാങ്ങിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതും ടാനിങ്ങ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലെ വിലയെക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ വിലകൊടുത്താണു് എന്നു മറുപടിയിൽ കാണുന്നുണ്ട്.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): രണ്ടോ മൂന്നോ അണയുടെ വ്യത്യാസമുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ ഇതാദ്യമായതുകൊണ്ട് ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനു് ഒരു ട്രയൽ ഓർഡർ കൊടുക്കയാണു് ചെയ്തതു.

Allowances paid to officers in 1104, 1105 and 1106.

2. MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the average, in lakhs of rupees, of acting allowances paid throughout the whole State during 1104, 1105 and 1106;

(*b*) the amount of local and special allowances paid during the above-said three years for the whole State; and

(*c*) the amount of travelling allowance paid during the above-said three years for the whole of Travancore excluding travelling allowance to members of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and the Legislative Council?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The information is not available since acting allowances are not separately classified and booked.

(*b*) Local allowances.—

	Rs.
1104 ...	1·62 lakhs
1105 ...	1·59 „
1106 ...	1·63 „

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